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SUBJECT: KIDNAPPED AMERICANS

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1. WHILE I WOULD HAVE PREFERRED THAT CONTACT WITH BISHOP CATARZI AND NSENGIYUMVA HAD BEEN MADE BY MACFARLANE BECAUSE OF HISTOTAL FAMILIARITY WITH CASE, IN LIGHT OF PARA 7 REFTTEL, I AM BY RADIO INSTRUCTING LOVING EITHER HIMSELF TO GO TO BUJUMBURA OR TO SEND SOMEONE TO BUJUMBURA TO COLLECT RELEVANT TRAFFIC AND THEN TO DO NECESSARY.

2. RE QUESTION PARA 3 REFTTEL, CONCERNING LIKELIHOOD OF ASSURANCES OF SAFE PASSAGE BEING GRANTED BY GOZ, ALTHOUGH ONE CANNOT BE CERTAIN, I BELIEVE THAT UNLESS PRESIDENT MOBUTU WERE TO CHANGE HIS MIND AND EVIDENCE TO DATE IS THAT WHILE HE INITIALLY RELUCTANT TO ADMIT GOZ INVOLVEMENT, EVEN THEN HE HAD TOLD KEY OFFICIALS TO BE COOPERATIVE, CONFIDENTIAL

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WEWOULD GET ASSURANCES. I CAN ALMOST HEAR BULA

REPLYING TO MY REQUEST, "PAS DE PROBLEME." HOWEVER, SUCH ASSURANCES DO NOT RESOLVE PROBLEM SINCE GOZ, AS DEPARTMENT WELL KNOWS, HAS COMMAND AND CONTROL PROBLEM THROUGHOUT THIS COUNTRY AND THERE WOULD BE NO WAY TO BE CERTAIN AUTHORITIES IN LAKE TANGANYIKA AREA HAD RIGHT INSTRUCTIONS OR THAT THEY UNDERSTOOD THEM IF THEY DID. IN NO CIRCUMSTANCES COULD WE BE CERTAIN THAT ACCIDENT WOULD NOT OCCUR BUT AGAIN, AS I HAVE SAID BEFORE, GIVEN LIMITED GOZ CAPABILITIES, ODDS WOULD FAVOR SAFE PASSAGE TO BURUNDI WERE PRP TO ACCEPT BURUNDI SITE. THIS IS RISK IT MIGHT BE WORTH TAKING.

3. MAY I REMIND DEPARTMENT AHT DAO PLANE HERE IS A POTENTIAL ASSET TO HELP SIMPLIFY INCREDIBLY DIFFICULT COMMUNICATIONS PROBLEM IN LAKE AREA. WE ARE ASKING GOZ THROUGH DEFENSE CHANNELS FOR AUTHORITY USE IT. WE ASSUME THAT IF IT IS OBTAINED, AND IT MAY NOT BE, GOTAND GOB WOULD BE PREPARED GRANT NECESSARY CLEARANCES.

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